Cost norms for village electrification

		Cost (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Electrification of unelectrified village	
(a)	In normal terrain	13
(b)	In hilly, tribal, desert areas	18
2.	Intensive electrification of already electrified village	
(a)	In normal terrain	4
(b)	In hilly, tribal, desert areas	6
3.	Cost of electricity connection to BPL household	0.022

(ix) REC, the nodal agency to implement the programme has been asked to compress the project execution cycle from the present 18 months to 15 months.

(x) National workshop was organized in collaboration with IEEMA to ensure timely supply of materials.

(xi) Fund flow has been streamlined.

(xii) Chief Secretaries of State Government have been requested to address State level issues for expeditious implementation of the scheme.

Loans/assistance by Rural Electrification Corporation

2906. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation has disbursed any loan/assistance to State Electricity Boards (SEBs)/State Power utilities and financed schemes to cover electrification of Dalit Bastis located in the electrified areas by releasing household and street light connections;

(b) if so, what has been the total financial outlay earmarked and provided to Andhra Pradesh for the said purpose during the last three years;

(c) how many Dalit localities have been covered during the said period and the number of households provided with electricity; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) REC is nodal agency for implementation of RGGVY. RGGVY envisages providing access to electricity to all the rural households in the country, including Andhra Pradesh by covering all villages/habitations including Dalit Bastis, by 2009. Under this scheme, 90% capital subsidy is provided by Ministry of Power for laying distribution backbone in the village. 100% grant is provided for providing free connections to BPL households.

(b) Based on the claims received from Andhra Pradesh an amount of Rs. 369.90 crore has been released under RGGVY during the last three years as per details given below:

Year	Amount (Rs. in crore)
2005-06	9.12
2006-07	94.35
2007-08	266.43
TOTAL:	369.90

(c) and (d) All the 26 projects from AP have since been sanctioned for release of over 39.54 lakh rural household connections including 25.92 lakh BPL households in 27481 villages of the State.

World Bank and ADB funding for PGCIL

2907. MS. MABEL REBELLO:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) is proposed to be funded by the World Bank and Asian Development Bank (ADB) for upgradation and modernization of infrastructure during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, *inter-alia,* indicating the projects that would be upgraded/ modernized in Orissa and Jharkhand; and

(c) how far this would help to increase the inter-regional transmission capacity during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, some transmission projects of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) are being funded through loans from the World Bank and the ADB. A list of projects covered under the World Bank and ADB funding which *inter-alia* includes two transmission projects in Orissa and Jharkhand is enclosed as Statement. (*See* below)

The East-West Transmission Corridor Strengthening Scheme (mentioned at item no. 4 of the World Bank-funded projects at Statement will enhance the transmission capacity between Eastern Region (which includes Jharkhand and Orissa) and Western Region.

The Eastern Region System Strengthening Scheme-I [mentioned at item no. 6 of the World Bank funded projects details given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below)] at Statement will augment integration of Jharkhand and Orissa with the Eastern Region Grid.

(c) The implementation of transmission projects funded by the World Bank and ADB will enhance inter-regional transmission capacity by about 11000 MW during the Eleventh Five Year Plan.